IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 11, 12, 15, 16 and 19 without prejudice and amend claims 13-14 and 17-18 as follows.

Please add new claims 22 and 23 as follows:

1-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) A method, ~~according to claim 11, further~~ comprising:

storing a list of subscribers in a phonebook application in a subscriber device;

storing presence information of the subscribers in the phonebook application, said presence information including information on the availability of the subscribers for a group call;

opening the phonebook application in response to a predetermined input from the user interface;;

displaying the list of subscribers on the user interface;;

in response to the user's selection of two or more subscribers from the list via the user interface, displaying a group communications menu on the user interface;; and

~~establishing an ad-hoc group including the user and the selected subscribers~~ in response to the user selecting a predetermined operation in the group communications menu or the user pressing a predetermined button, providing appropriate signaling with a group communication service in a network infrastructure for establishing an ad-hoc group

call of the selected subscribers and the user of the subscriber device;~~, such as wherein said predetermined button is an off-hook button or a push-to-talk switch~~, and

sending a speech item or a speech item request each time a talk activity is detected or indicated in the subscriber device during said ad hoc group call, wherein said the speech item or said speech item request is sent based on real-time transport protocol.

14. (Currently Amended) A method ~~according to claim 11, further ,~~comprising:

storing a list of subscribers in a phonebook application in a subscriber device;

storing presence information of the subscribers in the phonebook application, said presence information including information on the availability of the subscribers for a group call;

opening the phonebook application in response to a predetermined input from the user interface~~,~~;

displaying the list of subscribers on the user interface~~,~~;

receiving the user's selection of two or more subscribers from the list via the user interface~~,~~; and

~~establishing an ad-hoc group including the user and the selected subscribers~~ in response to the user pressing a predetermined button, providing appropriate signaling with a group communication service in a network infrastructure for establishing an ad-hoc group call of the selected subscribers and the user of the subscriber device;~~ such as wherein said predetermined button is an off-hook button or a push-to-talk switch~~ and

sending a speech item or a speech item request each time a talk activity is detected or indicated in the subscriber device during said ad hoc group call, wherein said the speech item or said speech item request is sent based on real-time transport protocol.

15-16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) ~~A device according to claim 15~~An apparatus, comprising:

a storage device configured to store a phonebook application containing a list of subscribers and presence information of the subscribers, said presence information including information on the availability of the subscribers for a group call;

a user interface ~~thea phonebook application being~~ configured to display the list of subscribers of the phonebook application ~~on the user interface~~,

a controller ~~the phonebook application being~~ configured, in response to the user's selection of two or more subscribers from the list via the user interface, to display a group communications menu on the user interface, and

said controller being configured, ~~the phonebook application being configured to initiate establishment of an ad-hoc group including the user and the selected subscribers~~ in response to the user selecting a predetermined operation in the group communications menu or the user pressing a predetermined button, to exchange appropriate signaling with a group communication service in a network infrastructure for establishing an ad-hoc

group call of the selected subscribers and the user of the apparatus; ~~such as an off-hook button or a push-to-talk switch~~ and

said controller being configured send a speech item or a speech item request each time a talk activity is detected or indicated in the apparatus during said ad hoc group call, wherein said the speech item or said speech item request is sent based on real-time transport protocol .

18. (Currently Amended) ~~A device according to claim 15~~An apparatus, comprising:

a storage device configured to store a phonebook application containing a list of subscribers and presence information of the subscribers, said presence information including information on the availability of the subscribers for a group call;

a user interface ~~phonebook application being~~ configured to display the list of subscribers of the phonebook application~~on the user interface,~~; and

a controller ~~the phonebook application being~~ configured, in response to the user's selection of two or more subscribers from the list via the user interface, to display a group communications menu on the user interface, and

said controller being configured, ~~the phonebook application being configured,~~ in response to the user's selection of two or more subscribers from the list via the user interface and the user selecting a predetermined operation in the group communications menu or the user pressing a predetermined button, ~~such as an off-hook button or a push-to-talk switch, to initiate establishment of an ad hoc group including the user and the~~

~~selected subscribers~~ providing appropriate signaling with a group communication service in a network infrastructure for establishing an ad-hoc group call of the selected subscribers and the user of the apparatus, and

said controller being configured send a speech item or a speech item request each time a talk activity is detected or indicated in the apparatus during said ad hoc group call, wherein said the speech item or said speech item request is sent based on real-time transport protocol.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) A storage computer-readable medium comprising an executable computer program that includes,

a phonebook application routine configured to store a list of subscribers in a subscriber device of a communications system, and to store presence information of the subscribers in the phonebook application, said presence information including information on the availability of the subscribers for a group call~~,~~; ~~and~~

a routine configured, in response to receiving, via a user interface from a user of the subscriber device, group call activation with a selection of two or more subscribers from the phonebook to provide an appropriate ~~signalling~~ signaling with a group communication service in a network infrastructure for establishing an ac-hoc group call ~~consisting~~ of the selected subscribers and the user of the subscriber; and

a routine configured to configured send a speech item or a speech item request each time a talk activity is detected or indicated in the subscriber device during said ad hoc group call, wherein said speech item or said speech item request is sent based on real-time transport protocol.

21. (Currently Amended) ~~A subscriber device for a mobile communication system~~An apparatus, comprising:

a radio transceiver with a group communication capability~~,~~;

a memory containing a list of subscribers of a phonebook application, and presence information of said subscribers, said presence information including information on the availability of the subscribers for a group call~~,~~; and

a controller connected to a user interface from a user of the ~~subscriber device~~ apparatus via which a group call activation can be received with a selection of two or more subscribers from said list of the phonebook application,

said controller being further connected to said transceiver to send via said transceiver to a group communication service in a network infrastructure an ad-hoc group call setup ~~signalling~~ signaling for a call group ~~consisting~~ of the selected subscribers and the user of the ~~subscriber device~~ apparatus; and

said controller being configured send a speech item or a speech item request each time a talk activity is detected or indicated in the apparatus during said ad hoc group call, wherein said speech item or said speech item request is sent based on real-time transport protocol.

22. (New) A computer-readable program distribution medium encoding a computer program of instructions being configured to control a processor to perform:

storing a list of subscribers in a phonebook application in a subscriber device;

storing presence information of the subscribers in the phonebook application, said presence information including information on the availability of the subscribers for a group call;

opening the phonebook application in response to a predetermined input from the user interface;

displaying the list of subscribers on the user interface;

in response to the user's selection of two or more subscribers from the list via the user interface, displaying a group communications menu on the user interface; and

in response to the user selecting a predetermined operation in the group communications menu or the user pressing a predetermined button, providing appropriate signaling with a group communication service in a network infrastructure for establishing an ad-hoc group call of the selected subscribers and the user of the subscriber device;, and

sending a speech item or a speech item request each time a talk activity is detected or indicated in the subscriber device during said ad hoc group call, wherein said the speech item or said speech item request is sent based on real-time transport protocol.

23. (New) A computer-readable program distribution medium encoding a computer program of instructions being configured to control a processor to perform:

storing a list of subscribers in a phonebook application in a subscriber device;

storing presence information of the subscribers in the phonebook application, said presence information including information on the availability of the subscribers for a group call;

opening the phonebook application in response to a predetermined input from the user interface;

displaying the list of subscribers on the user interface;

receiving the user's selection of two or more subscribers from the list via the user interface; and

in response to the user pressing a predetermined button, providing appropriate signaling with a group communication service in a network infrastructure for establishing an ad-hoc group call of the selected subscribers and the user of the subscriber device; and sending a speech item or a speech item request each time a talk activity is detected or indicated in the subscriber device during said ad hoc group call, wherein said the speech item or said speech item request is sent based on real-time transport protocol.